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In compliance with the Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant brings the attached documents to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97-99. A copy of each document is enclosed and each document is listed on the enclosed PTO 1449.

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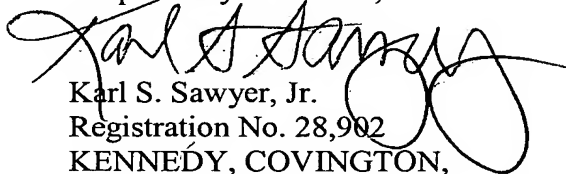
The present application corresponds to a German patent application filed by the applicants, from which priority for the present application is claimed. The applicants have received a Search Report from the German Patent Office identifying references made of record in the corresponding German patent application. For the convenient reference of the Examiner, a copy of the German Search Report is also attached.

German Patent Publications DE 25 38 258 A1 describes a yarn draw-off nozzle, which can be fixed in place in the bore of a channel plate by means of its tube-shaped

support. In the present application, a helical spring acts on the support body in the axial direction, and the latter is secured in the spinning position by a bolt element. Additionally German Patent Publication DE 295 22 172 U1 shows a yarn draw-off nozzle, which can be magnetically fixed in place on the channel plate.

Of the remaining references submitted herewith, the applicants do not have English translations of the non-English references, but an English abstract and/or a U.S. Patent counterpart is also attached for each such reference.

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